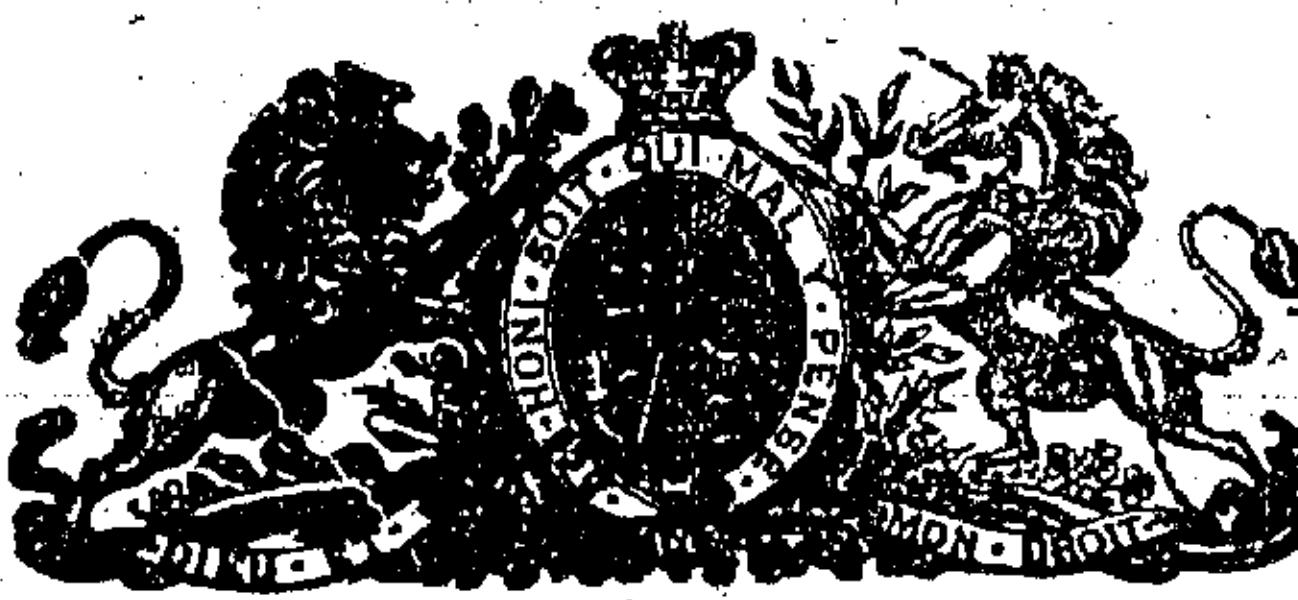


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PRICE, \$24 PER ANNUM.

AGENTS FOR THE CHINA MAIL.

LONDON:—F. ARGB, 8, Clement's Lane, Lombard Street, George Street & Co., 30, Cornhill, GORDON & GOTCH, Ludgate Circus, E.C. BATES, HENRY & Co., 4, Old Jewry, E.C. SAMUEL DRACON & Co., 160 & 164, Leadenhall Street.

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SINGAPORE AND STRAITS:—SAYLE & Co., Singapore, C. HEIJZER & Co., Manila.

CRINA:—Macao, Messrs A. A. de MELLO & Co., Seacow, CAMPBELL & Co., Amoy, WILSON, NICHOLS & Co., Foochow, HEDGE & Co., Shanghai, LANE, CRAWFORD & Co., and KELLY & WALSH, Yokohama, LANE, CRAWFORD & Co.

Banks.

CHARTERED MERCANTILE BANK OF INDIA, LONDON & CHINA.

(Incorporated by Royal Charter.)

THE following Rates of Interest are allowed on FIXED DEPOSITS:—

For 12 months, 5 per cent. per annum.

" 6 " 4 per cent. "

" 3 " 2 per cent. "

H. H. NELSON,

Manager.

Hongkong, May 31, 1879.

CHARTERED BANK OF INDIA, AUSTRALIA, AND CHINA.

CAPITAL, £800,000.
RESERVE FUND, £150,000.

Bankers.

THE BANK OF ENGLAND.

THE CITY BANK.

THE NATIONAL BANK OF SCOTLAND.

THE BANK'S BRANCH in HONGKONG grants Drafts on London and the Chief Commercial places in Europe and the East; buys and receives for collection Bills of Exchange, and conducts all kinds of Banking and Exchange Business.

RATES OF INTEREST ALLOWED ON DEPOSITS.

On CURRENT ACCOUNTS, 2 per cent. per annum on the daily balance.

ON FIXED DEPOSITS.

For 3 months, 3 per cent. per annum.

" 6 " 4 per cent. "

" 12 " 5 per cent. "

Notices of Firms.

NOTICE.

M R. F. C. DITTMER has CEASED to sign our Firm per Procuration.

SANDER & Co.

Hongkong, August 30, 1879.

NOTICE.

DURING my temporary absence from the Colony Mr. ERNEST VAUGHAN WETTON will CONDUCT my business, for which purpose he holds authority to sign my name.

R. G. ALFORD,
Surveyor, &c.

16, Queen's Road Central,
1st August, 1879.

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NOTICE.

THE Undersigned has established himself at the Premises formerly occupied by LAMMERT, ATKINSON & Co., Peddar's Wharf, as

AUCTIONEER, APPRAISER

AND

COMMISSION AGENT.

All GOODS intrusted for SALE will be fully covered by FIRE INSURANCE.

G. R. LAMMERT.

Hongkong, July 1, 1879.

FOR SALE.

FOR SALE.

EX American Bark "ANTIOCH" (JUST ARRIVED), 1, 2, 3 and 4 inch OREGON PINE LUMBER, S P A R S, 7 to 18 inches (in Slings) 40 to 80 ft. long, 19 to 24 " (at Partners) 80 to 96 ft. "

L. MALLORY,
Hongkong Timber Yard,
(Wanchai).

Hongkong, August 8, 1879.

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FOR SALE.

VEUVE CLICQUOT PONSARDIN, Dry CHAMPAGNE (England) in Cases of.....1 doz. Quarts. of.....2 " Pints.

Apply to

SANDER & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, August 13, 1879.

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FOR SALE.

THEOPHILE ROEDERER & Co.'s CHAMPAGNE, awarded the

GOLD MEDAL at the PARIS EXHIBITION.

DRY VERZENAY MOUSSEUX:

Quarts.....\$17 per Case of 1 doz.

Pints.....\$18 " of 2 doz.

MEYER & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, August 21, 1879.

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FOR SALE.

JULES MUMM & Co.'s CHAMPAGNE, in Quarts and Pints.

GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co.

Hongkong, May 26, 1879.

For Sale.

NEW GOODS EX RECENT ARRIVALS.

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THE New Shapes in HATS. ACME FILES, and AMBERG'S INDEXICON FILES, the latest improvements for Office use.

EXTRA FINEST ISIGNY BUTTER, New Season's Packing, L. C. & Co.'s OWN BRAND.

LAWN TENNIS.

REP NOTE PAPER and ENVELOPES.

ARTISTS' COLOURS and COLOUR BOXES.

LETTER SCALES.

WALKING STICKS, well selected.

NURSERY KETTLES and STANDS.

New—Portable.

MACKIE'S EXCHANGE TABLES.

SPARKLING SAUMUR, a really Good Dry Champagne at a Moderate Price, Quarts

\$10 and \$11, Pints \$11.50 and \$12.50 per case.

RUINART PERE & FILS' CHAMPAGNE, \$10 per case.

SPARKLING BURGUNDY, RECOMMENDED BY THE MEDICAL PROFESSION FOR INVALIDS.

FINEST FRENCH PLUMS.

DY MANZANILLA SHERRIES.

RED HEART RUM.

Specially Selected Scotch WHISKY.

ANGOSTURA BITTERS.

UMBRELLAS.

THE MULTIPLEX COPIER, a new and most valuable Invention.

CUMSHAW MIXTURE TEA (a five catty Box delivered at any address in the United Kingdom for \$8).

MORLEY'S HOSIERY.

PARNIAN SHIRTS.

CALDECOTT'S CHILDREN'S PICTURE BOOKS.

NEW NOVELS.

WORKS OF REFERENCE.

GOLDEN CLOUD TOBACCO.

&c., &c., &c.

LANE, CRAWFORD & CO.

Hongkong, August 6, 1879.

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For Sale.

F. KLAMPERMEYER,

186, QUEEN'S ROAD,

BEGS to inform the Public that he has commenced BUSINESS, as a CAFE and RESTAURANT Keeper, and will endeavour to the best of his ability to give satisfaction to those who kindly give him their Patronage.

GERMAN SAUSAGES of all Kinds can be made to Order at the shortest notice, and of the Best Quality.

ICE CREAM at all Times in readiness, and can be supplied to Parties, &c.

F. KLAMPERMEYER,
Proprietor.

Hongkong, August 4, 1879.

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FOR SALE.

THE Undersigned offers for SALE at moderate Prices, an Invoice of SYDNEY PRESERVED MEAT COMPANY.

Comprising: Boiled Beef and Mutton, Corned Beef and Soup and Bouilli in 6-lb. Tins, Ox-tongues, Spiced, Corned and Seamed Beef, Roast and Corned Mutton, Sheep-tongues, Real Turtle Soup, Assorted Soups, Sheep's-head, Compressed Meats, Brawn and Ox-tongues, etc., in 2-lb. Tins.

And,

(From Bordeaux),

CHATEAU DE FRAUDS, a Superior Breakfast Claret at \$5 per Case.

A few Cases of LAFITTE.

G. R. LAMMERT.

Hongkong, July 17, 1879.

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Intimations.

CHINA FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

ADJUSTMENT OF BONUS FOR THE YEAR 1878, AND TO THE 30TH JUNE, 1879.

SHAREHOLDERS in the above Company are requested to furnish the Undersigned with a List of their Contributions from the 1st January, 1878, to the 30th June, 1879, in Order that the Portion of the NET PROFITS to be Reserved for CONTRIBUTORS may be arranged.

Returns not rendered prior to the 31st OCTOBER next will be adjusted by the Company, and no Claims or Alterations will be subsequently admitted.

JAS. B. COUGHTRIE,

Secretary.

Hongkong, August 2, 1879.

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DENTAL NOTICE.

DR. ROGERS will visit SHANGAI during the Summer Months, leaving

HONGKONG on the 1st of April next, and returning about 1st November.

Hongkong, February 10, 1879.

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NOTICE.

SHAREHOLDERS in the above Company are requested to furnish the Undersigned with a List of their Contributions for the Year ending December 31st

1878, and for the SIX MONTHS from January 1st to June 30th 1879; in Order that the DISTRIBUTION of the Portion of PROFITS Reserved for CONTRIBUTORS may be arranged.

Returns not rendered prior to October 31st next, will be adjusted by the Company and no Claims or Alterations will be subsequently admitted.

JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., General Managers.

Hongkong, September 23, 1879.

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NOTICE OF REMOVAL.

Intimations.

THE Undersigned have been appointed SOLE AGENTS for Hongkong and China for the Sale of their LEAD by the MECHINER MINING SOCIETY.
MEYER & Co.
Hongkong, June 27, 1879.

SAILORS' HOME.

ANY Cast-off CLOTHING, Books, or PAPERS will be thankfully received at the Sailor's Home, West Point, Hongkong, July 25, 1879.

Notices to Consignees.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM LONDON & PORTS OF CALL.
THE Brit. Str. Oxfordshire having arrived, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed at their risk into the Godowns of the Undersigned, whence and/or from the Wharf or Boats delivery may be obtained. Cargo remaining undelivered after the 7th instant will be subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance has been effected. Bills of Lading will be countersigned by RUSSELL & CO., Agents.

Hongkong, September 1, 1879.

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

CONSIGNNEES of the following Cargo are requested to send in their Bills of Lading to the Undersigned for counter-signature, and take immediate delivery. This Cargo has been landed and stored at their risk and expense. No Fire Insurance has been effected.

Ex Yangtze.

AME (in diamond) Nos. 16/17, Or., 2 cases T J..... Flannel, from London.

Ex Peiho.

Messrs Wysing & Co., 1 case Samples, from London.

S..... 1 parcel Samples, from M (in diamond) Shanghai.

Messrs Tata & Co., 1 parcel Tea Musters, from Shanghai.

Ex Sindh.

E (in diamond) Nos. 1/48, 48 cases Sheet Amoy..... Lead, Or., from London. H. W. No. 11,086, 2 cases Hard Ware, Messrs Landstein & Co., from Marseilles.

G. de CHAMPEAUX,

Agent.

Hongkong, August 29, 1879.

To-day's Advertisements.

NOTICE.

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

PAQUEBOT POSTE FRANCAIS.

The Company's Steamship

"VOLGA,"

Commandant GUILAND, will be despatched for YOKOHAMA

TO-MORROW, the 3rd Inst., at 4 p.m.

G. de CHAMPEAUX,

Agent.

Hongkong, September 2, 1879.

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NOTICE.

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

PAQUEBOT POSTE FRANCAIS.

The Company's Steamship

"IRAOUADDY,"

Commandant Macé, will be despatched for SHANGHAI

TO-MORROW, the 3rd Inst., at 6 p.m.

G. de CHAMPEAUX,

Agent.

Hongkong, September 2, 1879.

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COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

S. S. IRAOUADDY.

NOTICE.

CONSIGNNEES of Cargo per S. S. Euphrate, from London, in connection with the above Steamer, are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed and stored at their risk at the Company's Godown, whence delivery may be obtained immediately after landing.

Opitonal Cargos will be forwarded on, unless notice is received from the Consignee, before To-morrow, at 1 o'clock p.m., requesting that it be landed here. Bills of Lading will be countersigned by the Undersigned.

Goods remaining unclaimed after TUESDAY, the 9th instant, at Noon, will be subject to rent and landing charges. No Fire Insurance has been effected.

G. de CHAMPEAUX,

Agent.

Hongkong, September 2, 1879.

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Not Responsible for Debts.

Neither the Captain, the Agents, nor Owners will be responsible for any Debt contracted by the Officers or Crew of the following Vessel, during their stay in Hongkong Harbour:—

MADCAP, British 3-m. schooner, Capt. J. Miller.—Turner & Co.

NORMAN COURT, British barque, Capt. J. L. Dunn.—O. & O. S. S. Co.

SHIPPING.

ARRIVALS.

Sept. 1, Diamante, British steamer, 514, E. Thebaud, Manila Aug. 30, General.—RUSSELL & CO.

Sept. 1, Sherard Osborn, British Telegraph steamer, 876, R. S. McKeenzie, Repairs Submarine Cable Aug. 16.—E. E. A. & CHINA TEL. CO.

Sept. 2, Iraouaddy, French steamer, 2529, Macé, Marseilles July 27, Naples 29, Port Said 2, Suez 3, Aden 9, Gall 18, Singapore 26, and Saigon 29, Mails and General.—MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

Sept. 2, Pernambuco, British steamer, 613, Hyde, Saigon Aug. 28, Rice.—MELCHERS & CO.

Sept. 2, Ulysses, British steamer, 1600, Guard, Shanghai Aug. 26, and Foochow 31, General.—BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE.

Sept. 2, Norman Court, British barque, 834, J. L. Dunn, Newcastle (N.S.W.) July 23, Coal.—O. & O. S. S. Co.

Sept. 2, City of Peking, American steamer, 5079, G. G. Berry, San Francisco Aug. 1, and Yokohama 26, Mails, General and Treasure (\$104,983.30).—P. M. S. S. Co.

DEPARTURES.

Sept. 2, Atlanta, for Hoichow.
2, Yangtze, for Saigon.
2, Peiho, for Marseilles, &c.
2, Cassandra, for Foochow.
2, Killarney, for London.

Cleared.

Candace, for Canton.
Ann Adams, for Canton.
Diamante, for Amoy.
Charlton, for Saloon.
Friedrich Perthes, for Whampoa.
Vigilant, for San Francisco.

PASSENGERS.

Arrived.

Per Diamante, from Manila, Mrs Thebaud, child and servant, Mr H. Macaren, and 100 Chinese.

Per Iraouaddy, from Hongkong; from Marseilles, Messrs T. S. Urwin, and Ritter.—For Shanghai: from Marseilles, Mr G. Hopkins, Mr Maed, and Monsieur Jeannenard.—For Yokohama: from Marseilles, Mr Coye, Mr and Mrs Retz and 2 children, Messrs Nagaki, Abki and Hirata, Monsieur Durand, and Mr G. Mosle; from Naples, Messrs Giovanni Butta, Charles Graffi, Paolo Velini, Francesco Biffi, G. B. Imberti, Nakasima, Giovanni Maurer, Charles Gerossi, Giulio Guidette, Araldo Moretti, and G. H. Fagan.

Per Ulysses, from Shanghai and Foochow, Messrs James Anderson and Boyd, and 36 Chinese.

Per Norman Court, from Newcastle, Mr A. Doughty.

Per City of Peking, from San Francisco, Mr. Messrs T. Glayson and Horn, and 202 Chinese.

Per Pernambuco, from Saigon, 80 Chinese.

DEPARTED.

Per Peiho, for Saloon, 1 Chinese; for Singapore, Mr and Mrs H. L. Norona and 4 children, Messrs Sanchez del Aguila, J. Morrison, Hyanson and 3 Chinese servants; for Marseilles, Messrs Samme, Baron.

DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & CO.

Hongkong, September 2, 1879.

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Curry, and Longridge.—From Yokohama: for Europe, Mr and Mrs Lustemberger and 3 children.

Per Atlanta, for Hoichow, 30 Chinese.

Per Yangtze, for Saigon, 60 Chinese.

SHIPPING REPORTS.

The British steamer Diamante reports: Had moderate S.W. monsoon and high sea throughout.

The British steamer Pernambuco reports: Moderate monsoon and fine weather throughout.

The British steamer Ulysses reports: From Shanghai to Foochow fine weather. From Foochow to Hongkong unsettled weather with heavy rain.

The British barque Norman Court reports: Had N.E. gale for 2 days after leaving, then fresh S.E. trade to 9 South, came inner passage by New Ireland, variable winds to Bassas Islands. Sunday last experienced heavy S.W. gale with terrific squalls and high sea. Made Lema Islands yesterday. Baffling weather outside.

The American steamer City of Peking reports: Fine weather throughout.

CARGO.

Per S. S. Peiho, sailed 2nd September, 1879.—For Continent, 1,360 bales Silk, 234 bales Waste Silk, 63 bales Cocoons, 20 cases Silk, 848 boxes Tea, and 618 pkgs. Sundries.—For London, 286 bales Silk, 20 bales Waste Silk, 13 cases Silks, 10,981 boxes and 5,346 half chests Tea, 640 pkgs. Sundries, and 4 cases Treasure (\$16,000).

POST OFFICE NOTICES.

MAILS will close:—

FOR STRAITS SETTLEMENTS, SUEZ, AND LONDON.—

Per Ulysses, at 3.30 p.m. To-morrow, the 3rd inst.

FOR YOKOHAMA.—

Per S. S. Volga, To-morrow, the 3rd inst. Registry ceases at 3.15 p.m. Mail closes at 3.30. Paid Correspondence may then be posted in the moveable box on board the Packet.

FOR SHANGHAI.—

Per S. S. Iraouaddy, To-morrow, the 3rd inst. Registry ceases at 4.45 p.m. Mail closes at 5. Late Letters received from 5.10 to 5.30 with 18 cents Late Fee. Paid Correspondence may then be posted in the moveable box on board the Packet.

FOR SWATOW, AMOY, & FOOCHOW.—

Per Douglas, at 11.30 a.m., on Thursday, the 4th inst., instead of as previously notified.

FOR BANGKOK.—

Per Rajanathunihar, at 5 p.m., on Friday, the 5th inst.

FOR SAIGON.—

Per Peiho, at 5 p.m., on Monday, the 8th inst.

MAILS BY THE TORRES STRAITS PACKET.—

The Australian Contract Packet Bowen, will be despatched from Hongkong, on SATURDAY, the 6th September, with Mails for Singapore, Thursday Island, Cocklins, Cleveland Bay, Bowen, Kappel Bay, Brisbane, Sydney, Tasmania, New Zealand, Fiji, and Melbourne.

Correspondence cannot be registered after 1.15 p.m.

The Mails will be closed at 1.30 p.m. Supplementary mail on board with 18 cents fee till time of departure.

Correspondence for Southern and Western Australia can be sent by this route if desired, but as a general rule it is better to send it via Galli.

Hongkong, August 30, 1879.

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MAILS BY THE BRITISH PACKET.—

The British Contract Packet Cathay will be despatched on TUESDAY, the 9th September, with Mails to and through the United Kingdom and Europe via Brindisi or Southampton; to the Straits Settlements, Batavia, Burmah, Ceylon, India, Aden, Egypt, Malta, and Gibraltar.

Sept. 2, This Packet carries no mails for the Australian Colonies, E. or S. Africa, nor for Mauritius.

MAILS BY THE UNITED STATES PACKET.

The United States Mail Packet Belgic, will be despatched on THURSDAY, the 11th Sept., with Mails for Japan, San Francisco the United States, Canada, Honolulu, Peru, &c. will be closed as follows:—

2.15 P.M. Registry ceases.

2.30 P.M. Post-Office closes, but Letters (except for Non-Union Countries) may be posted on board the Packet with Late Fee of 18 cents extra Postage until the time of departure.

Correspondence for Non-Union West Indies (expected the Bahamas and Hayti), Montevideo, Paraguay, and Uruguay cannot be sent by this route.

Hongkong, Aug. 22, 1879.

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MAILS BY THE FRENCH PACKET.—

The French Contract Packet Sindh will be despatched on TUESDAY, the 16th Instant, with Mails to and through the United Kingdom and Europe, via Naples; to Saigon, Straits Settlements, Batavia, Burmah, Ceylon, Pondicherry, Madras, Calcutta, Bombay, Aden, Suoz, and Alexandria.

The usual hours will be observed in closing the Mails, &c.

MAILS BY THE CONTRACT MAILS.

The following hours are observed in closing Mails, &c., by both the British and French Contract Packets:—

Day before departure:—

6 P.M.—Money Order Office closes; Post Office closes except the Night Box, which remains open all night.

Day of departure:—

7 A.M.—Post Office opens.

10 A.M.—Registry of Letters ceases. Posting of all printed matter and patterns ceases.

11 A.M.—Mails closed, except for Late Letters.

considered as a frivolity, but as an indication of the real feelings of many educated and respectable Japanese gentry and officials, who regard with distrust and anger the actions of some of the members of the Imperial Government. It is additionally unfortunate that any part of the ill-feeling should fall upon General Grant, the greatest citizen of the Great République or upon Prince Henry a worthy son of the Hohenzollerns, or upon the Duke of Genoa, a member of the proud historic house of Savoy.

The three men we have named are worthy of all honour, and the receptions accorded to them are proper to the dignity of this most ancient Empire. But we cannot think of the vulgar and foolish receptions of Messrs Reed and Hennessy without feeling both pity and humiliation. All the fuss and ostentation which was wasted upon these two gentlemen was a waste done purposely for half-avowed, but entirely ignoble purposes. The Japanese papers are not alone in failing to understand the fitness of things. In the noisy and ill-bred receptions we refer to, all sense of elementary proprieties was lost; the decent conventions which pertain not only to diplomatic but to every-day conduct, were scorned; and we may plainly say that by the vulgar aberrations which gave so much annoyance and vexation to the foreign communities, Japan was held to have lost her right self-respect. A most egregious error of selection was that of Mr. Hennessy, the evils of whose visit will by-and-by become plain. There will be a repetition of what students of the history of the past century know as the "day of duperes." The Japanese papers will before long get rid of their present delusions, and will confess the dangerous falsehoods of Mr. Hennessy's statistics. It will be found that instead of profits on Japanese coinage there will be loss and embarrassment. The future trade of Yedo, so confidently predicted, will be the dream of a noon-day. The profit of a subsidised and superfluous line of steamers to Hongkong will turn out to be but loss and disappointment. Okuma will be found to resemble Calonne rather than Gladstone, and out of the visit will be evolved disappointment only. The Japanese do well to be angry about the contemptible outcome of the visits we have commented upon. There is but one care for such foolish ill-doings—Constitutional Government, responsibility of ministers to the people's representatives, and a strict audit and control over accounts.

Canton.

1st September.

The solution of the weather problem, that was pending when I wrote on the evening of the 27th ultimo, is a gradual and fitful process as a whole and marked by sudden variations of wind and occasional spasms of a violent degree, imposing watchfulness, especially upon those who, like myself, necessarily incur exposure in crossing the river.

A squall on Friday afternoon, just before sun-set, was of a tornado-like suddenness and concentration of violence but of local range only, from the direction of South by East, its centre passing across the river between the Honam temple and Dutch folly and striking the city front near the Medical Missionary Society's Hospital, with a fury fatal to some boats and small houses; a splendid, full-arched rainbow spanning the horizon whence it issued and tempting beholders to a perilous gaze while the white.

The notings of the five days, inclusive of this, are in brief as follows:

August 28th.—Wind S.E. to S.W. variable and gusty; thermometer 82 deg. to 84 deg., barometer 29 deg. 68 (mystic atmosphere) to 29 deg. 73.

August 29th.—E. to N. variable, sultry air and lurid glare; afternoon sudden change (misty wet) sultry electrical disturbance, ther. 82 deg. to 84 deg., barometer 70, 62, 58, 54, 65.

August 30th.—N. by E. sultry and rainy a.m., early evening S.E. sultry with lurid glare (misty wet) sultry electrical disturbance, ther. 82 deg. to 84 deg., barometer 29 deg. 60 to 29 deg. 56.

August 31st.—E. variable, to S.W. misty, equally less sultry, ther. 82 deg. to 84 deg., bar. 29 deg. 62 to 29 deg. 65.

September 1st.—S. by E. misty, cloudy, little rain, less sultry, moist atmosphere, ther. 82 deg. to 85 deg., bar. 29 deg. 72' to 29 deg. 75'.

The change that began here on the 26th with cloudy weather and a fresh North-by-West wind, ending with rain, was a relief to suffering humanity in general and the poor in particular, that for opportunity timelessness is only equalled at considerable intervals. The critical point of extreme peril to the crops had been almost passed and the question of a great and sustained rise of the price of rice hung on a thread; and yet the change was salutary and the rainfall gradual, not in tempests to uproot or drown.

The point of price was reached when the native quotation was a rise equal to a mace a day per picul, and the public health was suffering from the protracted heat and drought; and when, at length after the three last days of intense suffering in the excessive sultriness of the atmosphere at 93.27 to 97 deg. of heat, it scarcely required a morbid imagination to picture in the lurid glare weird shapes of the victims of the cholera impending. Happily, this was averted; and we may indulge, therefore, in a reminiscence of 1849, when, on my reporting to a friend at Macao, a similar rise in rice of "a mace a day"—there was—was returned to me the first of the many bon mots of the genial Mr. Ponderous:—"Why is its rising so amazingly?" he having just arrived in China, where he remained about a dozen years, taking great interest in conserving our Canton Gardens. Regretted to notice his death early this year, aged 74.

Police Intelligence.

(Before the Hon. C. B. Plunkett.)

Tuesday, September 2.

OFFERING BOYS FOR SALE.

Tsang Sz Tan, farmer, U. Ju, coolie, and Chu Acheung, a married woman, charged with offering a boy aged 10, and another of 5 years of age, for sale in Shau-ki-wan on the 31st of last May, were brought up to-day and committed for trial, bail being allowed in \$100 each.

(Before C. V. Creagh, Esq.)

A FITTABLE CASE.

John McDonald, an American seaman, unemployed, was charged by P. O. McDonald with being a rogue and vagabond, and having no visible means of subsistence,

Defendant was found this morning about half-past twelve, by complainant lying in one of the boats suspended from davits near the Sailor's Home. He was asleep, and, when woke up, said he had no residence. Defendant stated to His Worship that he had no house, no money, and no friends; he has been living lately, by pawning his clothes. Prisoner was discharged.

IRISH CANARIES.

Lan Kai Hok, a painter living in No. 2 Sal-jung-lane, was brought up by Inspector Mulgrave and charged with keeping two pigeons on the upper floor of his house without a licence from the Registrar General. Defendant admitted the charge and was fined \$2.

AN ASSAULT.

An Atim, a bricklayer, living in a coolie house in Market Street, was returning home last evening with 600 cash on his shoulder; Kam Ahing, fellow tradesman living in the same house, asked him for the loan of some money, which was refused. Kam Ahing then called two of his companions and commenced to beat An Atim, who ran out of the house; he was followed by the three men and knocked down (complainant shews a cut on his eye). A constable came up, when Kam Ahing was given in charge, he being the man who knocked him down.

P. O. 300, Fung Asam, who arrested the prisoner, stated, that complainant's face was covered with blood.

Li Akam, a married woman, heard the defendant and two other men say they would again beat the complainant, who was, at that time, bleeding from the eye.

Defendant said, I was only joking with complainant when he began to abuse me, I got angry and we had a fight.

Prisoner was fined \$2 in default of payment ten days with hard labor, and to pay \$1 amounts to complainant, or suffer five days' further imprisonment.

ASSAULTING A DOCTOR.

A Chinese doctor named Li Acheung, living in the Queen's Road, had treated an accountant in the Tak Shing druggist's shop to fifty cents' worth of medicine on credit; when he went for payment, the accountant told him he would be paid in a few days; this did not appear to suit the medicine man as he took up a tea cup and smashed it on the floor; when threatened with the police, he tied the accountant to the bannisters by the queue, hurting his foot and tearing his coat in doing so.

The doctor in his defence, said:—The complainant beat me with a rattan when I went to ask him for payment, but I do not bear any marks from the blows.

Prisoner was fined \$1 and ordered to pay fifty cents as amends to the accountant, or go to gaol for five days.

THE MANSLAUGHTER CASE.

Usopp, the Malay charged with manslaughter in Lascor Row on the 18th of last month, was again brought up to-day. Nothing new in the shape of evidence was forthcoming.

Prisoner, who was defended by Mr. Wotton, was committed for trial.

BEATING A WOMAN.

Wong Tsi Sze, a doctor, and Lai Awah a married woman, remanded from August 13th on a charge of having assaulted a woman named Tsai Ayan, at Yau-mah-teo on the 12th of last month, were brought up to-day. The case has been left over for some time as the woman has been under the care of Dr. Wherry, who now states that she is not likely to suffer permanently from the assault, although she has not yet quite recovered from the beating.

The second defendant was discharged, his Worship being of opinion that she was acting under the coercion of her husband, who was present when the assault took place.

The first defendant was fined \$5, in default of payment to go to gaol for fourteen days with hard labour, and pay \$10 amounts to Tsai Ayan, or suffer four weeks' further imprisonment, and to enter into his personal recognisance in \$50 to be of good behaviour for twelve months.

SUPREME COURT.

IN SUMMARY JURISDICTION.

(Before the Hon. the Acting Justice Judge, J. J. Francis, Esq.)

Tuesday, September 2.

ACTION FOR ALLEGED SLANDER.

FRASER-SMITH v. EMANUEL, \$500.—This was an action brought by Stuart M. Fraser against P. H. Emanuel, (the former being a reporter of the *China Mail*, and the latter of the *Daily Press*), to recover the sum of \$500, damages for that, on the 12th August 1879, the defendant falsely and maliciously spoke and published of the plaintiff the words following or to the following effect, that is to say—"He (meaning the plaintiff) was at the Police Court so drunk that he could not do his work," and "he was so drunk that he could not see."

Mr. Ng Achoy appeared for the plaintiff; Mr. Denny for the defendant.

His Lordship remarked that the plaintiff alleged no special damages.

Mr. Denny said no indictable offence had been charged and no special damages were alleged.

Mr. Ng Achoy said these words were spoken with regard to his office; and under such circumstances an action could be brought without alleging special damages.

The Court: Sobriety is absolutely essential in the Captain of a ship; that has been decided.

Mr. Ng Achoy: And so it is in this case. I think it is stronger in this case; if it is essential in the Captain of a ship, it is more so, I should say, in the case of a reporter.

His Lordship: Not necessarily. Some of the best reporters in London have not been sober men.

Mr. Ng Achoy said the decision that his Lordship had referred to he had intended to rely on.

His Lordship said the decision seemed to treat the ship captain exceptionally.

Mr. Ng Achoy: So you may say with regard to ship masters; but that is when they are not engaged in their business, or not in command of their ship. These words are spoken of my client when he was engaged in his work.

His Lordship: The case is one which I think should be settled quietly out of Court; it is a case in which I should order a jury to be empanelled.

Mr. Denny said every effort had been made on his part to have the case settled out of Court.

Mr. Ng Achoy, with regard to what Mr. Denny had said, admitted that before this action was brought, some correspondence had passed between the parties, but the letter the defendant wrote to the plaintiff purporting to be an apology really made the matter worse.

His Lordship: That was a privileged communication about which I want to hear nothing.

Mr. Ng Achoy had made the explanation to show that plaintiff did not come into Court from a vindictive motive.

Mr. Denny stated that as soon as he saw the name of Mr. Ng Achoy on the back of the summons he told him that if he could suggest any better form of apology he would be only too happy to recommend his client to sign it. Since then he had had no communication whatever from Mr. Ng Achoy, although he had promised to communicate with him on the subject. No damage whatever had been caused to the plaintiff; he could prove that by Mr. Bain.

His Lordship said a point in the case would be, whether there could be a libel without special damages.

Mr. Denny said his client had sent an apology.

His Lordship said if he could give any assistance in Chambers towards settling the case he would be most happy to do so. If not, he would take it before a common jury.

Mr. Denny said his client had sent an affidavit of the party applied for a special jury on any day that might be arranged.

At about 6 p.m., on the 12th instant, a rumour having become current in the town of Kanagawa that an attack would be made on the police stations in Kanagawa and Takashimacho, and the Cholera Hospital destroyed, the people assembled from all directions to see what would happen. There was such a multitude that the roads were at one time almost impassable, but as none seemed inclined to commence operations, the crowd remained quiet. The Police Authorities having got wind of what was going on, at once sent a number of men to the spot and instituted inquiries, but as everybody said they had only come in consequence of the rumour that a riot would take place, nothing satisfactory was ascertained and ultimately the crowd dispersed.

The *Mainichi Shinbun*, now states that the consular gao in which the case of Cholera it reported occurred, was the American and not the English gao, and adds that a servant of the gao also contracted the disease on the 9th instant, and that the patient and three other men who were in the same room, were treated by the Japanese Authorities in accordance with the Regulations.

The *Nichi Nichi Shinbun* has contradicted the report which appeared in its columns, on the 12th instant, to the effect that about thirty Loocooans had disappeared from the Islands, as also that any special excitement existed there.

The news this week as to the cholera shows that it has ceased in Kioto, that it has much diminished in Osaka and Higo, whilst in the Kanagawa Ken the mortality averages about 20 per day. Considerable irritation has been caused by the over zealous action of the police in dealing with patients suffering from, or suspected to be suffering from the disease, and the *Mainichi Shinbun* states that anonymous letters have been sent to the police stations, threatening the lives of the policemen and medical officers, and warning them to be prepared. The *Mainichi* is very prolific with rumors and canards, but it is undeniable that a very strong popular feeling exists against the authorities.

In consequence of the rise in the price of rice, a number of the lower class of people resident in Nagamachi, Osaka, came to the determination to compel the rice merchants of the locality to give them rice for nothing. Hearing of this, the merchants at once took steps to remove their stocks to places of security, and matters were beginning to look very serious at last advices. No further intelligence has yet been received on the subject.

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Singapore.

(Straits Times.)

We are informed that a telegram was received here yesterday (21st) from the War Office directing the 74th Highlanders to hold themselves in readiness to return immediately to Europe. It is understood that the 74th will be received by one of the Buff Regiments from the Cape, the 3rd Regiment, we understand.

Many persons are mentioned as being candidates for the third Magistracy. Dr. Denny is prepared to renounce his allegiance to the Chinese Protectorate if the appointment be offered to him, and other officials would not be above assuming the magisterial dignity.

The Celestial is coming to the front. Mr. Low Theam Locke, of Singapore, sends forth a challenge, we are informed, that he is prepared to play that adroit billiard champion, Mr. Stanley, a cannon American game of 200 up, even, for \$200.

We are much indebted to Hongkong for many gifts, recent ordinances out of the question and we are not always as thankful as we should be. But why did Hongkong revenge itself by thrusting its artis upon us? The ladies are fair, the men brave, but, though it may be due to a depraved taste, we cannot rush into easiness over the vocal or historical abilities of Miss Clara Stanley's troupe as did our friends in a Colony which has always been advanced to us for imitation as a model of Colonial good government, social standing, and artistic taste.

(*Veritas et Fides*, July 25.)

In the House of Commons on the 18th July, a question was asked concerning the Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Company. Col. Arthurton asked the First Lord of the Admiralty where the dock was situated for which a loan of £12,000 was made to the Company; what was the date of the above loan; when was the dock completed for which the loan was made; what were the dimensions of the dock; and whether it had been used by any, and, if so, how many vessels of war.

Mr. W. H. Smith said: The dock is in Aberdeen Bay, Hongkong. The first loan of £6,000 was made on the 11th of Feb. 1864, and the second loan of the same amount on the 29th of March, 1866. The loans were confirmed under the 15th clause of the Colonial Docks (Loans) Act of 1865. The dock was completed early in 1867; the exact date is not known.

The extreme length of the blocks is 433ft., the breadth at the entrance is 84ft., the depth over the sill at ordinary spring tide is 24ft. The exact number of vessels entering the dock cannot be given, but the dock has been extensively used, and the largest ironclad (the Iron Duke) has been docked. The Kowloon Docks (the only other docks at Hongkong) were not built until after the Aberdeen Docks, and even now can only take in vessels of small draught of water.

The International Telegraph Conference now sitting in London has passed two resolutions, which are calculated to do no small injury to public interests. One is to reduce the number of ciphers henceforth chargeable as one word from five to three, and the other is to restrict the languages which may be used in extra-European messages to eight—viz., English, French, German, Italian, Dutch, Spanish, Portuguese, and Latin. The grounds on which these restrictions of this kind are sought to be imposed on the intracommunication of different parts of the world are difficult to discover outside the mere straining after extra profits earned at the public expense.

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